



## DIVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM 2007-11

TO: All Vaccine Providers

FROM: Tim Heath  
Immunization Program Coordinator

DATE: 12/13/2007

RE: Recall of Merck Hib containing vaccines.

Dear Colleagues:

As you may be aware Merck has voluntarily recalled certain lots of Hib containing vaccine. The recall is due to the possibility of bacterial contamination. The South Dakota Vaccines for Children program has not purchased or distributed any of the affected vaccine. If you have private stock of the recalled vaccine, Merck will be contacting you with instructions. There is no concern with the potency of the vaccine, and children that have received the vaccine do not need to be revaccinated. There has been no adverse events related to the Hib vaccine affected by the recall, however, the main risk is localized or disseminated infections. Immunocompromised children may be at greater risk for these infections. These infections are most likely to occur within one week after vaccination. There will most likely be a shortage of Hib vaccine in the near future. The CDC is working on developing priority groups for receiving the vaccine. If you have vaccine to return to Merck, and need assistance, contact your Merck representative. Below is the list of affected lots. Please feel free to contact me at 605-773-5323 or by email at [Tim.Heath@State.SD.US](mailto:Tim.Heath@State.SD.US) if you have any questions.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	LOT #	EXP. DATE
PedvaxHIB®	0677U	11 January 2010
PedvaxHIB®	0820U	12 January 2010
PedvaxHIB®	0995U	16 January 2010
PedvaxHIB®	1164U	18 January 2010
PedvaxHIB®	0259U	17 October 2009
PedvaxHIB®	0435U	18 October 2009
PedvaxHIB®	0436U	19 October 2009
PedvaxHIB®	0437U	19 October 2009
PedvaxHIB®	0819U	09 January 2010
PedvaxHIB®	1167U	10 January 2010
COMVAX®	0376U	05 January 2010
COMVAX®	0377U	08 January 2010